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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE--PLO PARTICIPATION

1. THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSION OF PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN PARIS NOVEMBER 18 WAS GIVEN US BY RENWICK OF THE UK EMBASSY. THE BRITISH SHOULD NOT BE CITED AS SOURCE.

2. SAUVAGNARGUES REPORTED THAT DURING ITS NOVEMBER 12-14 MEETING, THE ARAB LEAGUE DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD MAKE NO DECISION ON A MEETING OF THE EC-ARAB GENERAL COMMITTEE UNTIL THE QUESTION OF PLO PARTICIPATION WAS RESOLVED. HE SAID THAT SINCE IT WAS CLEAR FROM CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE NINE THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON A POSITIVE RESPONSE BEFORE NOVEMBER 26, A POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING MIGHT BE SUGGESTED TO THE ARABS. HE ADDED THAT THE EC MIGHT OFFER TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE ARABS IN ORDER TO FIX A NEW DATE FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND TO REAFFIRM THE EC'S DESIRE TO PROCEED WITH THE DIALOGUE.

3. DURING A CONFUSED DISCUSSION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL FOR PLO PARTICIPATION, THE BELGIANS AND ITALIANS FAVORED PARTICIPATION AND LUXEMBOURG OPPOSED. SAUVAGNARGUES SUGGESTED THAT HE BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL THE ARABS THAT A FAVORABLE RESPONSE WAS NOT EXCLUDED, BUT HE WAS OVERRULED BY THE MAJORITY.

4. THE PRESIDENT (SAUVAGNARGUES) WAS FINALLY AUTHORIZED SIMPLY TO TELL THE ARABS THAT THE NINE WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE BY NOVEMBER 26; ANY SUGGESTION FOR POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE LEFT TO THE ARABS.

5. COMMENT: GIVEN THE APPARENT ARAB DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED PLO PARTICIPATION, THE GENERAL COMMITTEE IS UNLIKELY TO MEET ON NOVEMBER 26. THE EC SEEMS TO HAVE PLACED THE BALL BACK IN THE ARAB COURT. EC VOTING ON THE PALESTINIAN RESOLUTION AT THE UNGA MAY BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE DIALOGUE WILL GO FORWARD AGAIN OR BE FURTHER DE-CONFIDENTIAL

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